

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (Original): A massage machine comprising:

a backrest provided on a chair for the person to be massaged to sit in,

a massage unit reciprocatingly movable upward and downward longitudinally of the backrest,

a kneading shaft disposed on the massage unit substantially horizontally and rotatable by a kneading motor,

pivotal levers supported as inclined on the kneading shaft,

massage arms supported by forward ends of the respective pivotal levers, and

kneading balls provided on the respective massage arms each at a position obliquely above the position where the massage arm is supported by the pivotal lever,

an arm lock mechanism coupled to the massage unit for holding the kneading balls pushed out forward,

the arm lock mechanism tiltably supporting arm lock rods each having one end connected to the massage arm at a position away from the position where the massage arm is supported by the pivotal lever,

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each of the arm lock rods being forwardly tiltable by the arm lock mechanism to hold the massage arm with the kneading ball pushed out forward.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The massage machine according to claim 1 wherein the arm lock mechanism comprises a rotatable shaft ~~rotatable within a horizontal plane~~, and the arm lock rods are connected to the shaft each at a position away from the center of rotation of the shaft.

Claim 3 (Original): The massage machine according to claim 2 wherein each of the arm rock rods is connected to the massage arm and the shaft by respective universal joints.

Claim 4 (Original): The massage machine according to claim 1 wherein the massage arm is bent at an obtuse angle, supported at the bent portion by the pivotal lever and provided with kneading balls respectively at upper and lower ends thereof, the massage arm being forwardly tiltable by the arm lock mechanism to push out the upper kneading ball forward and hold the upper kneading ball pushed out forward.